May 25, 1948

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I thought it would be interesting to mention to you, in connection with your excellent article on Sutler's tokens and scrip, a few items which came to my mind.

1. The reverse #14, which you did not illustrate, namely, "The Prairie Flower," is on a number of civil war tokens, and I will be glad to let you take a picture of this die if you wish.

2. In my collection I find I have a 25¢ and a $1.00 note of William S. Deupree, Sutler, Headquarters 23rd Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, Odd Fellows Hall, Richmond, Virginia, which notes are dated April 1, 1862. I also have Mr. J. D. Edward's Confederate States Army News Agency and Mail Carrier for the Eighth Brigade which issued a 5¢ and 10¢ note at Richmond, dated July 14, 1862. The latter may not technically be a Sutler's scrip, but the former definitely is. Do you have any record of other southern Sutlers?

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

June 2, 1948

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of May 25th, and for your offer of the loan of a token with rev. #14. I found out just to late that I could have used the C.W. token you mentioned, it was brought to my attention a number of times.

The use of it at this late date or even earlier would have been of little help. The description given at the time I believe will suffice.

However I would appreciate very much a description of the 25¢ & 81¢ notes of Wm S Dugue and that of Mr J D. Edwards - News agency etc. A description approx. as given in the listings would be fine. Also if possible, I would like to secure a photostat of them. I believe the 3 could be photostated together for a dollar or so and I would be glad to reimburse you if you would be that considerate.

over.

The only southern outlet I have added to my list is "M. Hartman 6th Tenn. Reg". I secured a 25¢ note of his about a year ago.

I intend to send in a supplementary list of the tokens and scrip which have been called to my attention since the article was published. This list will include 15 scrip notes, 16 cardboard items, and 7 tokens. This includes your J. D. Edwards note and 2 Dupre notes. I have one other news agency note. I intend to include them either in this list or in a list I have begun & nearly completed on P.X.-canteen, & merrill army emergency tokens.

Should you have any duplicates of the pieces mentioned I would appreciate the opportunity to purchase or trade for them.

Again thank you.

Yours sincerely

J. Hurt

June 16, 1948

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I am enclosing herewith a 25 cent note of the Sutler of the 23rd Virginia Volunteers. I am also enclosing a 10 cent note of J. D. Edwards, a news agency and mail carrier for the Eighth Brigade. Apparently these are very scarce items, but as I previously advised you, I have one other denomination of each of their issues, and because of your fine work I am willing to eachange them for some other Sutler items which you might have in duplicate.

Please let me know what duplicates you have, and perhaps we can arrange a swap.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

June 17, 1948

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your letter of June 16th and for the 2 enclosures. Both are new to me, but it seems that everyone of these that come to my attention now are new.

My duplicates in settle scrip consists of the following

a set of J.R. Bostwick notes, 5-10-25-50¢. or nos $4, 5, 6 + 7

a piece of J.B. Goodwin scrip or # $25

a " " H.B. Sheldon " 25¢ No $47.

If you do not have these I would gladly send you all of them. The 25 + 50¢ of Bostwick are very scarce as is the Goodwin piece.

"over"

If perchance this is not satisfactory, I would appreciate purchasing the 2 notes.

I do have a number of Sutter tokens which are duplicates. Nos 34, 33, 32. 31. 78 96, 111, 114, 139, 172, 173, 178, 179, 180. 193, 189, 190, 341, + 350.

Should any of these strike your fancy, name them.

My work on "Military Emergency Tokens" which will take in the other tokens other than sutter should be ready in another year. It became sidetracked for a while by quite a lot of research work on Michigan Depression Scrip. I have just completed the latter in a first draft form. The hard part is done.

Again thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. With sincere regards

Yours very truly

J. Lusts.

June 22, 1948

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I do not need any of your scrip, but you may send me as many of the tokens as you feel is fair. I do not have Nos. 78, 96, 114, 173, 180, 193, and 341. If you want to send them all to me you will make me a happy man.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

June 27, 1948

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your letter of June 22nd, I was glad to hear from you again.

I am more than happy to enclose the tokens you need, # 78, 96, 114, 173, 180, 193 & 341. I wanted to send them along immediately upon receiving your letter but matters came up taking just about all of my time.

Again thank you for all of your considerations.

Yours very sincerely

J Curto.

October 26, 1951

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

Thank you for your letter of October 23, 1951. I am returning the set of Bostwick scrip and the Goodwin draft order, as I already have them.

As to the pending exchange, I am sorry that you had already disposed of certain items I wanted; as a result I wish to keep my 25¢ Rankin and Gibbs as I want a specimen of each trader for my collection. Will you kindly return it?

I am returning the Felt token. On returning my Rankin & Gibbs you will have received four new trader tokens from me and I will have received three from you so that you will still owe me the equivalent of one.

In view of the list of the various items you collect I think we can have a lot of fun.

You indicated you collect colonials and electrotype copies and I am wondering whether you have any duplicates of these. I am very anxious to complete my electrotype and Bolen copies of colonial coins as my major specialty is the genuine colonial coins. You may be interested in trading something for electrotypes of Granby threepence and a God Preserve London which I am enclosing and a counterfeit Pine Tree sixpence and a counterfeit Pine Tree threepence.

As further bait for a trade I am enclosing an 1864 Lincoln and Union token pierced to carry as a campaign token; The Cedar River Bridge Company token dated 1867 to pass one footman, (I wonder whether this is a Michigan item or not); 1871 fare

Mr. James J. Curto

token of the Oakland Brooklyn, etc. Railroad; a military internment trade coupon used at the Weingarten, Missouri camp; a pierced 1864 Lincoln token with the words "The Right Man and the Right Place", being H. G. 708; H.G.738 with Lincoln.

I have a large collection of Western States currency and wonder whether you have any duplicates. Frankly, I would like to have a list of your collection of Western States items. I have a few duplicates in this field also. I have a great many duplicates of Canadian tokens and, as I indicated previously, have lots of things if you wish to exchange them. I need a set of wooden money issued at Perryville, Missouri, and wonder if you have a set.

I am also enclosing a 5¢ Millinger token which I would appreciate information on as I do not know what it is. The same is true of an 1827 cent counterstamped "good for 50".

The most interesting thing about your collection is that you are assembling things which have a great deal of curiosity and require constant study. I, like you, do not get excited over dates and mint marks to the extent I get excited over curiosities.

I have a very large collection of prisoner of war money of France for the various internment camps for German soldiers during World War I and wonder if you are interested in that collection. I have no particular desire to keep it and would rather have some nice items in exchange.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

EPN;atb

November 7, 1951

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.,
Grosse Point, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

As far as the values involved in trading, I never have had very much difficulty because whenthe other fellow puts fancy prices on his coins I put fancy prices on mine. What I prefer is to let you price all of them the way you would like to and see if it satisfies me. The two Pine Tree coins which you have of mine are sold as genuine coins entirely too often because they are pretty scarce.

With respect to the Prairie Flower picture which you did not have, I, of course, have several more tokens with that insignia and if you wish a photograph I will send you one for that purpose. As to the group you sent me, the only one which could be of interest to me is the non depens status electro. If you still have the one quarter made Beaver I could use that; otherwise I will have to resort to Sutler tokens which are not too exciting to me but which are interesting enough for me to enjoy. If you could send me the following numbers -- 233,318a, 114, 139, 159, 346 or 348, 190, 211 or 212, 144, 333, 350,113, 111, 78, 67 or 68, 21, 341 -- or almost any other Sutler items I think I can use them.

I am sending to add to the exchange possibilities five transportation items, 8 Lincoln items, one coin weight and one misstrike as well as returning everything except the colonial electro.

Please arrange some kind of a trade which is fair and submit it to me.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb

November 8, 1951

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.,
Grosse Point, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I finally found the box of coins I have been looking for and I am enclosing a few items to see if you can give me any information on them:

Silver Mine token in brass;
Copper Mine 1¢ token dated 1860;
J. Randel, Jr. token dated 1825 of the C & D Canal;
Token of the M.S. & M.I.Railroad for 1/2 cord of wood.

These are all very interesting to me and not for exchange but I do not know where any of them are from and wonder if you can help me on any of them.

In my letter of November 7 I mentioned a number of Sutler tokens which I could use and made a small mistake. Please strike out numbers 114, 78 and 341 as I already have those.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb

October 11,1951

Mr. J. J. Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.,
Grosse Point, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

In connection with your article in the September,1951 "Numismatist", I have the following information to add to your excellent presentation:

I have No. 44 in white metal, No. 47 in copper-nickel, brass and copper, No. 52 in brass and a new item, being a part of the same set as 71, being a 25¢ brass token with a large eagle holding arrows and an olive branch very slightly larger than an Indianhead cent.

If you have any duplicates of any of the tokens mentioned in your list I would be pleased to buy them or exchange them for something more of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN;atb

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Oct 14, 1951.

Dear Mr Newman,

I have had quite a number of enquiries similar to yours in regard to duplicate Indian Trader Tokens. I have prepared the enclosed lists accordingly on Military - Sutler + Brown Indian Trader tokens.

The Indian Trader tokens are all very scarce + most very rare. In only rare instances was I even able to secure the duplicate I do have. I prepared this list priced but I would much prefer to trade for items I do not have. How about a trade for your Rankin + Gibbs 25¢ token? I would very much like to have it. Will you please send me a good rubbing of it and if possible a pressed

impression of it in paper. I only have one of each duplicate listed except doubles in the Dunlap + Place + the 2 Felt tokens.

Thank you kindly for advising me about the various metals of #44, 47 + 52, I will add them to the list as 44-A (50¢ E.H Dorfee - WM).

47-A - Brass (100l. D.+P.) ✓.
47-B - Copper "
47-C - Copper-nickel. "

51-A - Brass (25¢ Durfee+Peck)

72 - Rankin + Gibbs - 25¢ brass.

Having a Rankin + Gibbs 25¢ token makes it extremely possible that a 50¢ token also existed.

Again thanks -

J Lutts.

INDIAN & FORT TRADER TOKENS

[illegible] CURTIS

[illegible] - FUNGUS FOOD

[illegible] 30, [illegible]

	Order	Item	Quality	Price	Remarks	Price
[illegible]	1 DOL	LEE & [illegible] TRADE	VF	Fa	[illegible] TRADE	2.50
[illegible]	50C	[illegible]	UNC	Fa	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1 DOL	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fa	[illegible]	3.00
[illegible]	50C		[illegible]	Fa		3.00
[illegible]	1 DOL	[illegible]	Fine UNC	Fa	[illegible] TRADERS	0.75 3.00
[illegible]	1/2 DF	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fa	[illegible]	3.00
[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	Fa		[illegible]
[illegible]	50C	[illegible]	[illegible]	F	[illegible]	3 [illegible]
[illegible]	50C	[illegible]	UNC	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	10C	[illegible]	F	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
[illegible]	5C	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fa	[illegible]	3.50
[illegible]	1 DOL	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fa	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	1DOL	[illegible]	Fine	Fa	[illegible]	3.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	V		[illegible]	3.00
[illegible]	50C		F	Fa		4.00
[illegible]	50C	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fa	[illegible]	3.00
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.00
		[illegible]				

Used I understand during the movement of tribes on reservations to avoid slaughter

Also used during the Civil War for food allotments to freed negroes

MILITARY POST TOKENS

J. J. Cardo, [illegible] and Bead

GROSSE POINTE, 38, MICHIGAN

Denom	Item	Color	Metal	Remarks	Price
5¢	Fort Crook, Nebraska	VF	Br	Non-Iss. Stamped Ship	.35
5¢	N.H. [illegible]	F	Br	Not issued. Dropped [illegible] Central Church	.50
5¢	G[illegible]	VF	Br		.45
10¢	G[illegible]	VF	Br		.50
5¢	Camp Beck [illegible]	VF	Br	Base retention token	.20
20¢ [illegible]	Fort McKinley [illegible]	VF	Br	Fort Logan P.I.	1.00
10	C.M.C. [illegible]	F	Br	[illegible] Corp	1.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	F	Br	[illegible]	1.00
[illegible]	Co. L [illegible]	F	Br	[illegible]	1.00
5¢	U.S.T.C. Fort [illegible]	F	Br		1.00
5¢	[illegible] Transport	F	Br		.75
5¢	[illegible]	F	Br		.35
10¢	" "	VF	Br		.35
25¢	" "	VF			.35
	Fort Crook		Br	Trench Tokens	.15
	1898 Universal [illegible]	F	Br	[illegible] Tokens	.35
	Army & Base Tokens	F	Br	Trench Tokens [illegible]	.15
	[illegible] (Mexican)		Br	Trench Tokens	.15
	Miscellaneous Plastic & Fiber Tokens		[illegible]	[illegible] - 1st W.W.	.25/ea
[illegible]	[illegible]	F	[illegible]	[illegible]	.75/each
[illegible]	[illegible]				1.00/each
	[illegible]			[illegible]	1.00
[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]	1.25/each

October 18,1951

Mr. James J.Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.
Grosse Point , Mich.

Dear Mr. Curto:

Thank you for your letter of October 14 indicating a desire to obtain mr 25¢ Ranken & Gibbs. While I ordinarily do not part with something I do not have I have decided that I can get a better spread of the variuos types of Indian Trader tokens if I take some of your duplicates.

Here is my suggestion: I am enclosing #47-A,47-B, 47-C,51-A and 72 and I want to receive in exchange 56,65,71,26 and 17. These ought to have about the same value.

I agree with you that there must be a 50¢ Ranken & Gibbs.

How about working up a trade for some of your civil war Sutler's tokens and scrip. I have practically everything which I could exchange.What do you like in some other category.

Sincerely ,

a 35¢ Sutherwite
I the 14th Heavy Cutting
Beef would not fit the
envelope so I had to take it
out again

JAMES J. CURTO
912 RIVARD BOULEVARD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Oct 23, 1951

Dear Mr Newman,

I received your letter of Oct 18th, in which you enclosed tokens no. 47-A, B & C, 51-A & 72, yesterday. I am most grateful to you and certainly admire and appreciate your willingness to trade them to me. I cannot however send you all of the numbers you wanted in return as I have already sent nos 52, 62, 20, 21, 71, 26, 16, & 44 to a museum out in Denver, Colo. As you well note nos 71 & 26 of your selection were included in that lot. I received a telegram from them Sat. evening & prepared them for shipment Sunday. I can however supply you with nos 56, 65 & 16 which I am enclosing plus no 66, the G.W. Felt 1oz token. #1 - Hudson Bay is also gone but I can reserve #4 for you if it will do. I would very much like to keep the 5 you so kindly sent me so if the Felt will fit into your collection fine & if #4 fits I will send it along. If not can you find a selection from the other lists which will do. I am also enclosing specimens of the Sutherwite scrip which I have left for your approval over"

and consideration should you prefer it.

I am most certainly in accord with you in working up a trade for either entire or other military emergency tokens.

There are many catagories in which I am interested as follows.

1. Michigan fractional currency - obsolete
2. " Municip obsolete notes
3. Early transportation tokens
4. Shell tokens or cards.
5. Counters U.S.
6. Colonials & electrotype copies.
7. Michigan depression scrip
8. Lincoln tokens
9. Post exchange tokens or tickets (or canteen)
10. Military occupational currency.
11. Minor or other miscellaneous odd store cards.
12. Wooden nickels.
13. Much obsolete bank notes.
14. Plantation tokens - Ceylon - Java - Borneo etc.
15. Canadian tokens
16. Western States obsolete notes.
17. Countersigns of coins of the West Indies.
18. Coin weights.

I have collections in all of the above and am always anxious to add. My interest in U.S. & foreign is now centered chiefly in 1. U.S. fractionals & foreign - for eastern or pattern coins. Does that give you an idea of what I collect. It all goes to make collecting to me a most interesting & fascinating hobby. The St Louis Stamp & Coin Co & I were very good friends years ago. I was very sorry to hear of its demise. Best wishes

Curtis.

WANTED PHONE US

RANDOLPH 1033-4-5-6-7

OF See Over

H. J. CAULKINS & CO.

C 1. Carolina ½ P. 1694 - (Electro). V. Fine.

C 2. Obv. of Bolen - Libertas - Americana medal. - V. odd.

C 3. Indian seated - America around. (Electro) early colonial. - Rev. Non - Dependent States. 1778 - (only copy I ever saw. I believe rare) as an electro. Ex Fine.

C 4. J. A. Bolen Card. Libertas Americana Rev. Proof.

C 5. A. S. Robertson " - Granby Cent Rev. "

6. Pine Tree Shilling Comm. medal Unc.

C 7. Missouri Store Card - Adams #21 Nicholsons Grocery. Copper. Unc or Proof.

C 8. St Louis Exp - 1904 - Mass. medal. Unc.

Cor " " 1904 - token V. Fine.

10. A. A. Grunnell Card - Lincoln item Unc. - Scarce.

11. U.S. Token 1890 ?

12. Grosse Ile Bridge Token (for 1 car + driver.) V. Fine.

13. Portage Lake Bridge " 1871 - rare Type I Fine

14 " " " " 1875 - " " II Unc.

15. Selfridge Field 5¢ coupon - N.C.O. Club. Home of the 1st Pursuit Squadron

C = from collection

Retuerney.
Granby threepence.
God Preserve London.
1864 - Lincoln.
1871 - Oakland.
Lincoln old. token.
5¢ Mellinger
Clap 1¢.
25¢ D.+P. } would like
25. R+g. } these + any
other D+P.'s.

You may have in duplicate.

10/30/61.

JAMES J. CURTO
912 RIVARD BOULEVARD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Oct 30, 1951

Dear Mr Newman,

I received your letter of Oct 26th yesterday along with the tokens enclosed, thank you. Its always a thrill with me to open an envelope or box with coins, or tokens enclosed.

There were (4) tokens in the lot which I would like to have providing we can arrange a trade. I will otherwise be happy to purchase them. They are the Lincoln 708, the Cedar Rapids Bridge token, the copies of both the 3 & 6 pence Mass. Pine Tree items. I have all of the others

The Cedar Rapids token is from Cedar Rapids, Ia. I also have it but a friend collector wants it, and I would like to secure it for him.

As per your request I am returning the Rankin & Gibbs token and one of the others for I do not know just what you want for them. I am extremely sorry to have sent my only duplicate of R. & Gibbs away but that is now spilt milk. I would much rather ~~to~~ have traded with you. I think you were swell to have sent it along with the offer to trade any way. I will send it back along with the

Cannot help you out on Pennsylvania the Wangatin Trade coupon.

Had a few pieces of Nebraska wooden money - Do not have. I believe all there is some genuine shinplasters currency - traded away. I believe collector would have to hunt for them. Nebraska note - I would have to hunt for them. I feel collector settled for the Neb. note back of my fellow

other tokens by ensured parcel post - airmail together with some other tokens from which you may find something you want. My duplicates in interesting items have been raided time + time again + so most of the items I am sending along are out of my collection. I hope you can find something that you want as much as I do the R. + G. The swiper list is also open to you in trade for any of the items I am keeping. You put the price you wish on the items. The most difficult part of trading is the values involved. I have found that the most satisfactory method to both parties is to trade according to each others price standard. It allows the trading of 2 or more for 1 or for even trades. What do you think about it?

Sorry E.H. that I cannot tell you anything about either the Millinger token or the ctsp cent. I also have quite a no of tokens + ctsp coins which look very interesting but of which I know nothing. Some years ago, a small group of collectors including myself used to make rubbings or pressed copies of items we had such as yours + we passed them around to each other for identification purposes of possible. It was very interesting, each of us having a library + many old auction catalogues of the 80's. We did identify quite a no for each other, all of which helped A. Kurth compile his list of U.S. counters which was published in the Scrap book - Jan 1943. In regard to the French prisoner of war money, I have quite a no of German prisoner of war tokens, W.W. I. also more than I want for a representative collection, can we arrange a trade along this line? Not to keep you in suspense awaiting the tokens which I will box + mail in the next few days I will enclose a list of them for you. Best regards + looking forward to hearing from you again.

Hart

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Nov. 13, 1951

Dear Mr Newman,

I rec'd your letters of Nov 7th + 8th a few days ago but waited for the tokens you sent along before answering. They arrived yesterday.

Re: Letter of Nov 8th. with 4 tokens enclosed.

The Copper Mine C token is listed as a counter and numbered by H. Kurth as #83-A. See Scrapbook Dec. 1943.

The M S & N.I. R R - is a railroad token used by the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana RR. As stated it is good for ½ cord of wood, used either for shanty use or train crew use. I have one for the W. div; another for the E. Div. Yours is for the N + E division.

The Silver Mine token - a mule token. I remember seeing it listed somewhere but do not remember where or when.

The J Randel Jr. token - also read something about it but do not remember where or when

'over'

Sorry I cannot help out on the Cont 2. I will return these with the Sutter I am sending in the next day or so.

Re. Letter of Nov 7th - I would very much like a photograph of the Prairie Flower token, also of your Franklin + Gobs token, thanks.

Previous to your letter I sold or traded the following Sutter tokens. So correct your list please. Delete nos 21, 67, 68, 87, 88, 89, 144, 173, 174, 178, 204, 233, 234, 265, 266, 267, 268, 272, 287, 288, 289, 314, 318 + 333. From your list I am able to send along nos 111, 113, 139, 159, 190, 211, 212, 346, + 350. Other items you say you can use - Am sending along nos 19, 33, 34, 101, 143, 189 + 290.

I do not relish letting the trade up to me but I will do my best.

1. The Non Depens Station token for either the 3 pence or 6 pence. (prefered.)
2. The Sutters (nos 111-113, 139, 159, 190, 211, 212, 346 + 350) valued @ $7.00 for the 5 transportations you recently sent along valued @ $7.00 or equal value on the exchange
3. The other Sutters (19-33-34-101-143-189-290) valued at $5.85 for the other Cedar Rapids token @ 60¢, the other colonial either the 3 or 6 pence @ $3.50, the 5¢ coupon @ 15¢, the pewed Lincoln #9 708 @ 40¢, the Lincoln 1909 medalette @ 50¢ + the Lincoln G.O.P. @ $1.00 Total 6.15 - Will give you equiv of 30¢

I have most all of the other Lincoln items.

I am rating the 2 colonials as my no 1 choice, the transp token as second, the other tokens as desirable.

My regards to you. - This might be enough to handle for this session

SUTLER-TOKENS

J. J. CURTO, 912 RIVARD BOULEVARD.

GROSSE POINTE, 30, MICHIGAN.

Used as listed in the Numismatist of Aug-Sept-Dec 1946

	No.	Condition	Price	No.	Condition	Price	No	Condition	Price
Yes	6	Fine	.50	114	Fine	.90	234	Fine	.90
	19	"	.60	139	"	1.00	265	Unc	
	21	"	1.00	143	V Good	.80	266	"	SET
	29	Holed	.35	144	Fine	1.00	267	"	$6.00
	31	V.Good	.50	P 152	V.Good	.20	268	"	
	32	Fine	.60	159	"	.20	272	V.Good	.60
	33	"	.75	172	Fine	.80?	276	Fine	.80
	34	V. Good	.75	173	"	.80	279	"	.75
Yes	37 36	" "	.60 .75 ✓	174	"	.80	284	Fine	1.00
	64	Unc.		178	V. Fine	.90	287 288	" V. Fine	1.00 1.25
	65	"	SET	179	"	1.00	289 290	" Unc.	1.25 1.50
	66	"	$4.50	180	Fine	.75	314	V Good	.50
	67	Unc	.80	181	V. Fine	.85 ✓	318	Unc	1.25
	68	"	1.00	189	Fine	.75	319	Good	.30
	78	V. Fine	.75	190	V. Fine	.90	333	Fine	.60
	87	Unc.		McAlpen 193	V Fine V. Good	.75 .40	Yes 337	V. Good	.50 ✓
	88	"	SET $4.50	195-a 198	V. Fine Fine	1.00 .60 ✓	341	Unc	SET ? ✓
	89	"		204	Unc.	2.50	343		$2.00
	96	V. Good	.60	207	V. Good	.60	Yes 345	V Fine	1.00 ✓
	101	V. Fine	.70	209	V. Fine	.90	346	"	.75
	102	"	1.00	✓ Dup 210	"	.80 ✓	348		1.00
	103	V. Good	.60	211	"	.75	349	Fine	.50
	111	V. Fine	1.00	212	V. Good	.60	350	V Fine	.90
	113	V. Good	.60	233	V Fine	.90	350-A	Unc	1.00

November 20, 1951

Mr. J. J. Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.,
Grosse Point, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

Thanks for your nice letter of November 13 with the information it contained.

I found the article on the Randall token in the 1915 Numismatist. I found the Silver Mine token pictured in Hetrick-Guttag, No. 654, but I can't find any token in that book with which it is combined.

Your thoughts concerning the swap are reasonable and I merely wish to substitute a few that you sent for a few that you still have. I am enclosing Nos. 19, 33, 193 with die break and 211 which total $3.15 including 30¢ exchange credit still due me. I would like to receive instead Nos. 6, 36, 198, 337 and 345 which total $3.35. Will you please do this?

There is a 50¢ Ranken & Gibbs token as my notes show that I have seen one.

I thought you might wish to have photographs taken of the Prairie Flower obverse and my 25¢ Ranken & Gibbs and I am enclosing these two from my own collection. The Prairie Flower is very rare and I have found Connely's Dry Goods Store of Paris, Illinois as the best one to photograph. Please return these two when you have taken their picture.

You still have a Hudson Bay ½ made beaver token, in duplicate, which I would like to have and I am enclosing as a possible exchange for it a 1¢ token of Quebec from about 1850 with a nice picture of a beaver on it. It is Breton 571, I believe. Is this exchange fair?

November 20, 1951

Mr. J. J. Curto

You have no idea how much pleasure you are giving me in going into these token fields again. I get so tired of excitement over rare dates of standard United States coins.

The great excitement of my life is that my son has taken an interest in collecting pennies and at age 7 I cannot diagnose it as permanent but up to now everyone else in my family has given it the "cold shoulder".

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN;atb

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Nov 26, 1951.

Dear Mr Newman,

I received your letter of Nov 20th last Friday and was glad to hear from you again.

I am as per your request, enclosing the exchange sutlers you desire. You can remove these numbers from your list now too.

You mention that your notes show that you have seen a 50¢ Rankin + Gibbs. While I am quite sure there was one, I do wish to add to my notes, authority, to list it. Can you give me more particulars on this. In whose possession was it in - when - a general description if possible - thanks.

I am returning your R + Gs + the Prairie Flower Token as I do not have any means of taking photographs. When I do ~~to~~ have plates made for the A.N.A. they usually

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pay for the plate @ $2.00 per shot with 1 enlarge-
ment. Of course I get as many coins as
possible on a plate prob. 20 or so. I made a
pressing of your R + G. when I had it before so
that will suffice for now. I thought maybe
you had the equipment to take photographs +
I was more than willing to let you do so + send
me copies. So as neither of us have the equipment
we will have to pass it up - thanks anyway.

I have 2 uncirculated specimens of Breton #571
so cannot use it. I wish to use the H.B. token
in a trade for trade tokens, Mr Newman - as it is
a desirable item. I was very surprised that it
was not of your choice at first. I would trade it
for your R + G which I would still very much
like to have. I am also enclosing a photo of
a lead token of trader Ed. Marchand, founder good for
1 hide. I got it not to long ago, it came from
the Waltham Collection of Canada. I will also trade
it or the H.B. token or a copy of the Nova Eboro
N.Y. 1787 - Indian + Eagle on globe electro for it. I am
enclosing a pressing of the Nova Eboro electro. I

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GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

know that all of these items are desirable and the trade of any of them to be about equal.

I have another 1 BS. token of H. B^Co coming in to me so it could be either of the others or the 1 B.

Glad you found your references to the other tokens you had. I just found one of a rectangular token, I had, [NALD NA] by accident yesterday. It turned out to be a hacienda token of Mexico, + illust as #21 in the A.N.S. publication on Mexican Hac. Tokens. Its a good feeling to finally attribute a token correctly.

How are you on Numismatists, I need ~~#~~ 5 issues to complete my set from 1895 to date Feb - 1896, Jan + April of 1901 + Aug + Oct of 1904. Do you know of anyone who might have these. I am more than anxious to purchase these or trade other old issues for them. I have quite a no of duplicates in singles + volumes.

I too have a son, age 22, ~~graduated~~ from Notre Dame last June + is now awaiting

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his induction into the army on Dec 6th; he has
been on a training course with my Co, the
Much Cons. Jas Co since graduation & likes it
very much. He hates to leave his job but its what
everyone his age must do so he wants to get
in & get it over with. He was given a deferment
for a year but turned it down before he got
along to far with his training program & then
having to leave. He is not interested in Cons
either altho he will listen to discussions at home
as will Mrs C. They both also condescend to look at
them once in a while ~~too~~, & even buy one for me
if they know I desire it. Well Eric. so much
for that, & for the time

Best regards.

J Hunt

P.S. In sending them back per your stamp, 1st class
I do not like it as there is no evidence of
sending, if lost. By P. Post you at least have
your receipt.

December 6, 1951

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I am sorry I do not have any of the Numismatists you wish although I have them running back to 1922 and scattered numbers before them.

I also have my photography done at A & S and you are right that their work is far beyond anything which can be obtained by those not accustomed to doing the work.

Your comment about mailing coins tickles me as I have mailed coins by parcel post and first class mail, without insurance, all of my life and have never lost a single coin. My turn is coming but whatever I have saved on this score I have put into other coins. I am sure my chances of losing coins have not grown worse.

I will take a rest for the Christmas season and the beginning of the year to catch up with tax matters and if I can locate other things of interest to you I will let you know.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely,

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James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dec 16, 1951.

Dear Mr Newman.

I received both of your last two letters, one today advising me of the numismatists in French's sale - Thank you very much. I noticed that in my French catalogue however the only help would be the Feb issue of 1896. I have all the others, & I do not wish to buy the whole year. Goodness knows I have quite a stack of duplicates dating from 1895 on, which accrued in completing my set. I only need the 3 issues I mentioned before & I'm going to try & buy those singly.

About a week or so ago, I sold just about every sutler I had in duplicate or traded for some I did not have. The sutler list, except for about a dozen which I still have in duplicate having had 2, is now obsolete. I added one new Ind. Trader token to my collection - a 10¢ Ft Laramie - J S McCormick

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which made me quite happy. I hope to find a little time over the Holidays to look thru my collection of odds + ends, something I have not done in years. My Civil War tokens have lain dormant for a long time, + I recently acquired a few to classify + add.

Well Mr Newman, again thanks for the notification + for keeping me in mind.

A Merry Christmas to you + yours.

Yours respectfully

J Swob

James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Mar 2, 1952.

Dear Mr Newman,

Greetings to you. I have been thinking of you lately, chiefly because it is quite possible that I will be going through your city the latter part of this month & if I do will give you a ring to say "Hello"

We are planning on visiting our son, now located in Fort Leonard Wood late in March. and of course our route takes us directly through St Louis. Our visit with him is just over a week end as both Mrs. & myself will have to be back immediately

In checking through some tokens I have found an imitation 5 cent piece issued by the St Louis Star Times, also a nickle token issued by the Wolff-Wilson Drug Co giving the Cardinal at home schedule on 1 side the Browns on the other.

Can you tell me anything about the Star Times token. Also have a 50 mm medal with

a design on one side of a greeting between an Indian & white. The reverse has "St Louis - 1904 - America Welcomes the World" This I presume was probably the official St Louis medal pertaining to the World Fair there.

Also purchased recently 3 old or early advertisements in the form of money. 1 was from Michigan relating to a Mich RR. The other 2 of St Louis. One is also a facsimile of a note - North Missouri R.R. - Great Central Route to the West - Ticket office. No 40 N 4th St St Louis Mo. etc Fair scene etc (40) in corner, a map of the RR. on green reverse - labeled Great Central Route etc. The other represents a $1/2 note or issued by Dr J. H. McLean Broadway & Biddle Sts. S.L. An ads. on reverse in red. I have quite a collection of ads - counterfeits Confederate notes used for election purposes, political notes etc in the form of notes.

Excuse the writing, I've been writing letters for some hours now, & I'm hurrying.

Best wishes & regards.

J. Lewis

March 4, 1952

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Blvd.
Grosse Point 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

I shall be delighted to see you at any time you come through St. Louis and hope that you can give me a few days warning before you come.

The Star-Times type medal imitation of the old 8 real piece was put out in connection with a Pirate "Pieces of 8" story many years ago.

There are so many World's Fair medals I can't remember them all.

The advertising money you speak of is reasonably common but very interesting.

I would certainly enjoy seeing any of this material you care to bring with you.

I will see to it that your wife is otherwise amused if she does not enjoy coins.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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JAMES J. CURTO
912 RIVARD BOULEVARD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Mar 23, 1952.

Dear Mr Newman,

Just a line to let you know I am planning on being in St Louis Thursday P.M. - evening + Friday morning on Mar 27-28th. Of course I would like to see you - and visit Keely's also & any other coin dealer there.

We have reservations - we hope at the Statler for Thurs. nite. We should get into St Louis about noon or shortly thereafter Thurs. I plan on calling you when I get in + maybe you + I can plan on getting together Thursday evening. Best regards - looking forward to meeting you.

J J Curto

JAMES J. CURTO
912 RIVARD BOULEVARD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

April 14, 1952.

Dear Mr Newman,

Although I returned home a week ago I am just getting back to normalcy. Our visit with our son was very short for we found out the morning after our visit with you that my Dad had passed away late Thursday nite. We therefore headed for my home town immediately some 900 miles north and arrived there Saturday morning. Since then and up to a week ago, I was very busy in arranging for the settlement of the estate. You are probably well versed in affairs of that nature but I had to start from scratch. I was fortunate, I believe, in my choice of lawyer.

I enjoyed my brief visit with you. Eric and I found you quite different from how I pictured you. Your collection amazed me. It is probably the best and most orderly I ever had the pleasure of getting a peek at.

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Congratulations to you.

Upon my return I found that Chief Temple was away on his vacation. He is not due back until next Monday April 21st - so I cannot present him with the Cup. card of B. & B until then at least. I do know he will be delighted.

I found a letter awaiting me from Col Moore advising me that I was awarded 2nd place by the Health Awards Committee for the article on Indian Indian Tobacco. This gives me a 1st 2nd 3rd & one Honorable mention in one article. I feel for someone else in Vermont gives to camp.

Our trip to your state was so long that Mrs C & I are discovering another the 1st of May or thereabouts of possible. I am planning on attending the Central States Conv. in Cincinnati for 1 day if possible & then on to St. Louis and of Fred is through there. We received his appointment to Army Intelligence & is to report to Camp Holabird in Maryland sometime in May. We hope he is given a week or so travelling time that is what our trip then will depend on. If he is due to report to his new assignment immediately not trip - if he has a week or so we propose to go down & accompany him there. We hope the letter works out.

When I returned to the office a week

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ago I found myself regulated at an Convention starting that day & running for a day, Mon Tues Wed. Both days made the day I work in my dept. I was anxious for it & did not enjoy the Tom-a-lit. However I did find time to form some of it out and had my dept send a few evenings working to clean the rest.

Then the week end I caught up with some correspondence so was fairly quiet & relieved with time to organize the rest of convention.

Until next time

Best regards.

Jim

April 18, 1952

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe, 30, Michigan

Dear James:

It was very nice having the opportunity to meet you and your wife and I was sorry that the circumstances were such that you were concerned with so many other problems. I felt guilty keeping you from attending to the problems of life which seem to happen to everyone.

Congratulations on the award for your excellent article on Indian Trader tokens.

I will not be in St. Louis the month of May so if you are planning another trip I will miss you.

I had been waiting to write you about the open matters concerning coins and would like to clean up our little situation as follows:

The Hudson Bay One Made Beaver token I am returning herewith due to the punch mark. I am also returning the set of United Supply Company notes as their condition is not really enough to intrigue me.

You will recall that you gave me the Coe & Hayden Winona, Minnesota store card which had shellac on it. I found that I had it but I cleaned off the shellac. Would you send me the Missouri Drover's Hotel card which you showed me?

I am keeping the Whipple token and am enclosing the 1778 non-depens token. This, I believe, will be substantially beneficial to you as you did not seem to want to part with the 1778 token.

April 18, 1952

Incidentally, for your friend, Temple, I have located the William S. Wilcox token, Adrian, Michigan, which has obverse No. 432 and is unlisted. I wonder if he has that item.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

April 24, 1952.

Dear Eric.,

I received your letter of April 18th and was very glad to hear from you again. The tokens & scrip were enclosed, sorry you could not use them. I'm enclosing the Denver card you requested in exchange for the Minnesota. Thank you for removing the varnish or shellac for me, I meant to do so but just never found time.

If your ears rang just about a week ago this evening, its because Bowen, Temple & I were discussing you. Actually they were asking questions & I did the answering. I told them about your wonderful collection & about yourself - all most complimentary.

Our trip to Missouri will depend entirely on Fred being through @ H. L. Wood the week end of May 4 & 5th. I'm sorry

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you will not be in town should we go down but anyway enjoy yourself on your trip.

Eric I noticed you had a Cadillac $1.00 Depression Scrip note in your Mich collection. I thought I had it but found I had the 50¢ only. Is it possible for you to let me purchase it or to trade you for it. I would also be most grateful to check your duplicate of Michigan notes and other depression scrip.

Your transportations tokens also interests me no end & would like to purchase or trade for them. Please consider at your leisure.

The supplement to the Indian Trader listing is growing by leaps & bounds now. Have some 50 additions (to list only) so far. I have been fortunate in securing a few of the new ones.

Cliff Temple advised that the Wm Wilcox Indian Card comes in 2 unlisted obs. 432 & 433. He has both. He is collaborating with Fluid on the new book - to come out on C.I.S. tokens. Michigan we are sure will be pretty complete due to Cliff's efforts, plus your own.

Best regards,

[illegible]

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY

415 CLIFFORD STREET
DETROIT 26

Feb 25, 1954

Hello Mr Eric Neuman,

It's been some time since I wrote you last or heard from you. I do hope you have been well, also that you have been able to add to that wonderful collection of yours. Since last seeing you, I have been exceptionally busy, the biggest event was that of building a new home. Overnite we decided to, and did sell our house at 912 Rivard Blvd and started building anew on a lot we owned just a few streets away.

We moved into our new place just before Labor Day 1953, and I had the job of getting the lawn and Landscaping in before winter plus a hundred other things since then. I am just getting back to normal.

From time to time, I've been informed of additional Indian Trader tokens not included in my original listing. These additions now total more than 100 items and I've started on a supplementary listing. I hope to have it done & into Members hands before the A.N.A Convention in August. Should you have anything new to add to the list, I would appreciate being advised.

I regret very much that when I visited you I did not have the time to see more of your

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collection of broken bank notes. Do you have any duplicates in this material that you care to sell or possibly trade for tokens, if you wished? My interest in broken bank and obsolete notes is general with just more emphasis on Military notes, Michigan notes and those scarcer ones of western states.

Do I remember your saying that you occasionally visit this part of the country. If so I would very much welcome your visiting us on your next trip.

Best regards.

J. Hurst

770 - Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30,
Michigan.

July 28, 1954

Mr. J. J. Curto
770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

Your letter of February 25, 1954 is still resting on my desk and it is time for an answer. We have been busy remodeling our offices to move into a new building and I have not had as much time to work on my numismatics as I should. I take too much time anyhow. You, I see, built a new home and, no doubt, by now, wondered why you had not indulged in that pleasure years ago.

I recently discovered a circulating Sutler's note which was issued by the 11th Regiment of Iowa Volunteers. It is generally similar in form to your form S25 and, obviously, circulated since the Sutler apparently took over the matters of pay. This note, you will notice, is endorsed on the back. In the group where I found these notes I noted that they were virtually all the $1.00 denomination. Perhaps you have some Sutler item you might wish to exchange for this.

As far as Indian trader tokens and other items are concerned, I have many duplicates of bank notes and merely let me know what you have in duplicate material and I can assure you I will be able to dig up all you want.

At the present time I am working very hard on the copper coinage in early America and would like to keep up on all subjects, in addition.

My kindest personal regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs James John Curto
~~912 Rivard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Aug 6, 1954.

Hello Mr Newman,

Received your letter of July 28th and the auction note enclosed, thank you for both. I will check through my collection for duplicates and send you a list at the earliest opportunity. It will be shortly after we return from Cleveland & the A.N.A. Convention. Are you planning on attending? If so I'd enjoy meeting you again with more leisure time for a discussion. Next year the Central States is meeting in Detroit. Apr 29 - May 1st and I am one of the Convention Committee. I've been very busy the past few weeks, setting up our Convention forms, literature etc which we plan to take with us to the A.N.A. convention and sign dealers up for patronage, advertising, bourse tables, etc., I contacted quite a no. of them at the C.S. Convention in Milwaukee & they all professed a willingness to make their reservations as soon as we were set up.

I hope to raise enough to enable

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us to carry on on a cash basis right along.

As far as indulging in the pleasure of owning our house, building etc, it was nothing new for us. We built our home at 912 Pennsylvania where we lived so many years. Now that the kids are married, it was to large for us & we decided to build again on a smaller scale & more suitable to our needs. We believe we have it, for we like our new home very much, altho its not so much smaller. While we have 5 rooms instead of 7, the 5 are much larger. At least we think its smaller. Mr Newman I do not have very many duplicate ration tokens. I've disposed of them quite long ago & I would judge I do not have more than 10 or so duplicate that I've acquired since. I do have some duplicate Port Exchange tokens, one duplicate & quite rare set from Fort D.A. Russell Wyoming. It consists of a 5¢ - 10¢ - 25¢ - 50¢ - $1.00 token. I obtained 2 sets recently from a western collector. They will not be listed in my numismatic list because I did not have or know of them at the time. I will list however what I have as I said, as shortly after my return from Cleveland as possible. Are you still interested in Indian Trades. I am working on a supplementary listing of these tokens I've been informed of since the article appeared. The supplement will list about 100 other issues. If so, I'll be glad to furnish

Mr. James John Curto
~~912 Rivard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

you with a photo copy of the list as soon as I get it set.

I would also appreciate purchasing some of your duplicate Michigan note McNeil, both broken bank bills or depression scrip. I am quite certain I do not have enough duplicate material to trade you, after getting one quick glance at your collection of duplicate.

I think I shall always remember the box you had of duplicate material, note, on the corner of your study.

Regards.

Jim Curto.

August 6, 1954

Mr. J. J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Point 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

I have a token the size of a Civil War token which states on one side -- Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon instituted May 27, 1861. On the back -- Second Annual Fair held June 15, 1863. It is in copper and am wondering if you know anything about this item.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

Mr. James John Curto
~~912 Rivard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Aug 11, 1954.

Hello Eric.,

Recd your letter of Aug 6th re: inquiry about the Union Volunteer Refresh Salon token.

This token will appear in the list of P.X, Canteen, etc., article as #679. under miscellaneous, toward the end of the article.

It seems to me, I remember seeing this, also listed under Civil War cards + making a memo of it at the time. I cannot locate the memo however + cannot find it in H+G. Maybe I saw it in Barnes list (supplementary)

I am very certain however that I did see this with a H+G no. It is quite scarce, I have only run across 2 of them so far besides yours. My duplicate was traded just about 2 mo. ago.

If I find the memo or if I'll advise you further.

Regards.

JJCurto

P.S. The Union Volunteer Department Saloon Token is 14 + 9 # 9370. I believe I just found my notes. Bennett remembered it for me.

Mrs James John Curto
~~912 Rivard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Aug 25, 1954.

Hello Eric,

We returned from the a.n.a. Convention in Cleveland this past week end where we had a pretty wonderful time. Of course one of the first dealers I visited was our friend Kelly and he gave me your salutations. Thank you! He also advised me you were very well and very busy, which I surmised anyway, but was glad to hear confirmed.

Melvin Fuld & I had quite a trading session during the convention, during which he mentioned being acquainted with you. He asked to be remembered to you. In between selling dealers house tables for the Central States Convention in Detroit in 1955, I managed to pick up a few items of interest to me, 3 Indian trade tokens, some horseshoes, a few early hompaladems etc which in all made my attendance very busy & satisfying. I collected about $350.00 in cash for house

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table with promise of about another $2.50 to be sent in shortly after their arrival home again. This cook on hand will now carry & pay for our meals for 6 months or so, stationery, printing, postage etc. It looks like a good start & favorable in every sense. I checked them the duplicate Sutler tokens I have & this is the extent of them. I could not find a one in Cleveland for sale. - Aug 29, 1954

Delayed from Aug 25th

Sutler tokens

#32 - 10¢ J.J. Benson
33 - 25¢ J.J. "
101 - 5¢ 4th O.V.C.
181 - H. Levis 50¢ 23 Mass Reg.
189 - 10¢ F. Mangold 9th N.Y. State militia
193 - 25¢ G. McAlpen - Pa.
194 - 5¢ G. " - Pa. (Rare - 3rd seen).
319 - 25¢ S.E. Wood
350 - Z Weave - 34" Reg O V M
And war identification tokens - (Wars of 1861 - eagle etc).
Pen A. Nation Co. K. 3rd reg Vermont Vol.

Sutler scrip. S-4, S-5, S-6, S-25. S-47, S-49.

Early P.X. $1.00 Fort D.A. Russell, Wyom.

Missouri tokens

Lindenwood College St Charles, Mo Centennial 1827-1927
Medal - For ~~war~~ service in war with Germany - State of Missouri, 1917 award
Ely & Walker D.G. Co ~~St~~ Golden Amir. 1878-1928.

Can you find something out of the above in exchange for the note, received from you. Regards. J. Lutz

James Curto

September 2,1954

Dear Jim:

I heard that you had a wild and well attended convention and I am glad that you collected enough to give the 1955 Central States Convention a good start.

I certainly would enjoy taking time off to see some of the nice fellows with whom I correspond, but I frankly would rather save the time and go travelling to some far away spot where my wife and I can share the fun.She gives up enough time to the coins right now.

As to the sutler tokens I do not have #181, 194,,33 and the Fort D.A.Russell. I assume that you do not have any duplicates of Indian Trader Tokens as those would interest me more.Send me whatever you think is fair.

You indicated that you were interested in Michigan paper money and I looked thru my dups for you.I found a $5 and $10 Bank of Detroit 1806, sheet of 555 10 of Merch & Mechanics,sheet of 1,1,5Tecumseh , sheet of 1,1,2,3 Washtenau and sheet of 5,5,5,10 of Washtenau.

Kindest personal regards and excuse my typing as my secy is on vacation.

Mr. James John Curto
~~912 Ricard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Sept 8, 1954.

Hello Eric.,

Congratulations on your typing, its O.K. I tried typing but my thoughts are always away ahead, and it comes out quite messy. Remet I do not even try it anymore.

Your roving spirit sounds good to me too, and I certainly do not blame you for passing up a convention in order to lengthen a holiday or vacation in some fine spot with the better half.

However may I put my bit in to entice you to come to the C.S. Conv. in Detroit. You know its only a 3 day affair over a week end & by far the biggest days are Sat & Sun. Friday the opening day is usually a set up day for dealers, Sat & Sun are the 2 days the conventioneers really come in. The

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shortness makes it quite inexpensive to many as they stay for only 1 overnite period.

The trading & buying & selling is also concentrated due to the limitation of time. Why not try & make one, make it next spring April 29-30 & May 1st. I would be very happy to see you again & perhaps we could find time enough so that I could show you a part of my collection - in no way as extensive as your own but interesting.

In enclosing bulletin # 181, 194, 33 & the Fort O.A. Russell token for you to look over.

I would suggest - 2 sutlers for the sutler note or the Fort O.A. Russell token for it as a reasonable trade. If you agree fine., if not - you name the trade terms.

I have all the notes you mentioned, in singles plus sheets of the Tecumseh & Washington H.D.S. I much prefer single notes to sheets. Do you have any duplicate Mich Depression Scrip. I can send you my booklet with all the issues I have checked off, if you have very much, to make it easier.

I have - a couple of I. Traders in dup of 1 only of Kirk Bros - a few diff. denom Shelvie & a Walker one Wampum - a very small & rare token. The Kirks are ground quite smooth in the center & also KB. (Kirk Bros) as all are or were. I know of only 1 complete set of these. The Kirks were N. Mex traders. - the Walker possibly from Washington

Regards
Chas

September 22, 1954

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Point, Michigan

Dear Jim:

I have been negotiating to acquire for you the enclosed $2 Iowa Volunteers sutler note to go with your $1 note and I am fortunate to have obtained it for you.

I am returning No. 181 which I found that I already have. The one note that I sent you will cover the two sutler tokens and this note will cover the Fort Russell token.

You asked me what Michigan scrip I have and I do not have any duplicates. My collection consists of a 50¢ Cadillac, $1 Fordson School District, $1 and $2 City of Detroit, $1,$5 and $10 from Flint, Hamtramck and Lincoln Park School District, 25¢ $1 and $5 School District of Saugatuck. I presume you have all of these but if you don't we can work something out. You indicated that you have a few Indiana trader tokens in duplicate and I would appreciate seeing them. I will find something that will suit you.

I am working very hard now and classifying the varieties of the Virginia halfpence and will need a new set of eyes when I finish. This is the same kind of labor of love as you have often engaged in.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

$PN/atb

Mr. James John Curto
~~912 Rivard Boulevard~~ 770 Lincoln Rd.
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Oct 1, 1954.

Hello Eric.,

Time seems to fly for here it is Oct 1st and I'm just getting around to answer your letter of Sept 22nd.

Enclosed are the only duplicates of Indian Trader I have. They will be numbered & illustrated in the supplement on I.T.'s. as soon as I can get around to finishing it. The Walker token is one of a small number discovered out along the Pacific Northwest coast. I do have its history on my files somewhere & it will be published just as I received it in the supplement. It is rare. - all are holed as the one enclosed.

The Kirk Bros tokens here are v. scarce. Mike Kirk was an I. Trader

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at Manuelito, N. Mex. in the latter part of the 1800's. I've seen 1 token of his & had it photographed for the supplement. It is similar to the 5¢ enclosed except that it has Indian Trader in the field. He says, (K.B.) Kirk Bros. carried on his business in Gallup N Mex. I've seen a complete set of them also. Later because of some law it was deemed unlawful to use such tokens & the amount & names were ground off & the K.B. countermarked them, which came within the law. I obtained 2 of the $1, 50¢ tokens & 4 - 25¢ tokens - 1 - 10¢ token. of the countermarked set, plus a few of the earlier set. I've obtained similar stories of other traders Hubbell for ex. Did the same thing to his tokens. There is also another, whose name I cannot remember at the present & too lazy to look up who did similarly. The stories came to me from 3 different sources & in each case originated from a descendant of the traders.

I'll leave the exchange to you Eric; The Detroit $2.00 note is the only one I do not have altho I could use the Sangstuck issue, altho I do have them.

Regards Alvin.

October 4, 1954

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Point 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

The 3 Indian trader tokens you sent me are a little too modern for me. If I had something handy that I knew you would particularly enjoy I would keep them but I am going to pass them up for the present.

Always glad to hear from you whenever the spirit moves and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Jan 5, 1955

Hello Mr Newman,

It may seem like I've taken a very long time to answer your letter of Sept 16, 1955, but I can assure you, your letter has been continually on my desk in very plain sight and always in mind. The delay was caused primarily to the fact that I mislaid the envelopes with the sutter tokens I obtained on my trip to the convention. On various occasions I looked high & low for them without success, altho I knew I had them in my den, for I started shortly after my return to check thru them for duplicates. Having the holiday week off on vacation, I started a systematic search through everything and finally found them stapled to a file in one of the desk drawers. How they got there - stapled; I have no stapler, is still a mystery. Anyway the long search is over.

I've listed the duplicates and the prices I paid for them on the attached sheet, and any you can use, will be forwarded to you. I'm certain, you also have most of them. I continually purchase the sutter tokens saved for me by various coin dealers in the expectation of obtaining some of the tokens I do not have. I have never experienced difficulty in disposing of any of the duplicates, and in this instance have a collector who will take all that you do not want. They are increasingly

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more & more difficult to obtain.

In regard to the notes of the P. Roberts Mail Contractor of Independence, Mo, you listed the 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ & $1.00 notes which you believe you can purchase for me at $3.00 each.

I would very much appreciate any effort of yours to obtain a set for me. I will send you a check immediately upon your notification that you can obtain them. Thanks.

Since I last wrote you, I obtained a sheet of the Manor notes along with a dozen or so of other sheets, mostly common ones & now have the following duplicate sheets to trade for others.

Stonington Bk - Conn 5-5-5-10
Bk of Florence - Neb 1-2-3-5
Tecumseh Bk - Mich 1-1-3-5
West Penn Bk - Ver. 1-2-3-5
Bk of Augusta - Geo 5-5-5-5 (margin trimmed).

Thank you very much for the article "Just Documentary Evidence on the American Colonial Pewter 1/24 real". I enjoyed reading it very much and as I do not have one, will most certainly have to obtain one.

May the New Year 1956, abound with blessings for you & yours.

Regards.

J. Hunter.

Duplicates -

Sutler	19 - 10¢	S. W. Beall	1.50
"	20 - 25¢	" "	1.50
"	32 - 10¢	J. J. Benson	1.50
"	33 - 25¢	"	1.50
"	101 -	E. W. Hamlin 5¢	1.00
"	109. 5¢	S. Hatch	1.00
"	140 - 5¢	Wm Jameson	1.00
"	181 - 50¢	Harvey Lewis	1.25
"	286 - 5¢	Wm Vanderbeck	1.25
"	319. 25¢	Wm Woods	1.25
"	332 - 5¢	7th Ind. Reg	1.00
"	350. 5¢	Gowans 34th OVM	1.00
"	353. 25¢	41th OVM	1.00

For sale or trade,

J. J. Lewis

January 18, 1956

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

The mystery of your hidden stapler will never be solved, I imagine. In any event, I was able to obtain for you 3 of the Roberts' notes and enclose them herewith including the bill from Mr. Revercomb. Please be kind enough to pay it directly to him.

In the sutler items you list, I do not have Nos. 20, 109, 140, 286, 332 and 353 and if you feel like sending them to me for examination I would appreciate it. I certainly don't want them if they are in poor condition.

Most of my work at the present time in a numismatic way is on a few new articles and I hope they are as interesting as those you have written.

My very kindest personal regards to you, and don't let the fact that you write letters spasmodically bother you.

Sincerely yours,

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James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Jan 23, 1956

Hello Mr Newman.,

Thank you for your letter of 1-18 & for the notes you obtained for me from Mr Rewcomb. I mailed him a check a few minutes ago along with my thanks & appreciation.

I did not however return his invoice, preferring to keep that for a record of the purchase. I am enclosing the rulers you asked for, one is holed the other good to v. fine, sorry I do not have more to offer you at the present. I am supposed to receive a box of tokens sent from the west coast last week, filled with miscellaneous tokens, early western mostly. It was described to me as early western trade tokens, post exchange tokens, a few Indian trader pieces, civil war cards, Columbian world fair tokens, - rolled cents & other miscell.

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I am quite anxious to recover it. I have been assiduously writing dealers for embossed brass shell cards and early tramp tokens for the past 6 months. I've been partially successful in that I've added about 6 shell cards & perhaps 20 tramp tokens to my collection. The shell cards come in, mostly in holed or battered condition, but I have been pleasantly surprised on occasions, then my 6.

Been trying to complete a supplement on the Sutter - have it 75% complete, but find so many interests in numismatics, to difficult to stay on one subject.

Regarding numismatic articles, my work is quite different than yours - mine is chiefly to bring new series to the attention of collectors, yours to dig deeply & to bring facts to the specialist. I've enjoyed every article of yours that I've read and admired & appreciated the work & thought put into them.

Regards.

Junius

JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN ROAD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

March 8, 1956.

Hello Eric,

Just a note in lieu of wondering whether you received the sutter tokens I mailed to you on Jan 23rd. Your letter of Jan 18th with the 3 Missouri (Independence) notes was received & I immediately sent a check to Mr Reverconde & Sutter No's 20-109-140-286-332-353 to you. I had presumed, upon not hearing from you, that you were on vacation - maybe you still are, lucky boy. If so, its "Hello" again anyway.

Regards & best wishes.

JJCurto.

March 13, 1956

Mr. J. J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

Your letter with the tokens in it was hidden by my wife not deliberately but in an effort to clean up our den, which I abuse. I forgot all about it and had to conduct a complete search to find your letter. While conducting the search I even ran across some tokens which you may be interested in exchanging for the ones sent me.

I am enclosing 4 tokens of Mike Kirk, of Gallup, New Mexico, counterstamped with the initials "K.B". These belonged to Mr. Whitely and he acquired them in a New Netherlands auction on April 22, 1955. I also acquired ane enclose a $1 Fort D. A. Russell Wyoming which is said to have been dug up near the fort. While the condition of these is not what I would call glorious they may be of interest to you.

I am going away for two weeks so you can take your time in writing me.

I am returning one of the sutler tokens, namely, No. 353, as the hole makes it a little too undesirable for me.

Best wishes to you and thank you for waking me up.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Enc.

JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN ROAD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

March 19, 1957

Hello Eric,

Thank you for your letter of Mar 13th, it is always pleasant to hear from you.

Going away for 2 weeks sounds very nice, I am preparing for a week of myself starting this Friday Mar 23rd. I'll find little time for writing that week & I'll probably find myself with an awful lot of writing to do when I get back, so I'd better get this one off while I can.

I know Doc Whitley quite well & met him for the first time in Omaha, last year. We have corresponded & traded tokens for oh say 10 years at least. I have the Rich tokens & a complete set of the Fort D.A. Russell tokens. There are at least 2 varieties of each of Fort Russell.

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tokens under the dollar denom. without checking I believe I have 2 diff 5¢ - 10¢ - 25¢ + 50¢. of the set. I did have a duplicate set of samples, which I believe I sent you long ago on approval. Having the N.W. + T.R. tokens, I'm salivating there. I'd appreciate very much receiving from you, on few duplicate broken bank bills enclosed. For example the Merchant + Mechanics Bank Albany & Troy. + if possible another copy of the Army allotment check and Dress of the U.S. - N.Y., you had a no. of time when I visited you + I obtained the copy I have from you at that time. I would also appreciate receiving other of your dups, a few at a time, maybe I could find something or another to trade you for them.

Regards for now + I do hope your vacation comes a Sunday me.

Best wishes -

Chuck -

James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

May 21, 1956

Hello Eric,

I'm just wondering whether or not you received my letter which enclosed the tokens I returned to you on March 30th. Your letter of March 13th advised that you were going on vacation for a few weeks, so I delayed writing you until the end of the month. I returned the M. Kirk & Ft. D.a Russell tokens in that letter, as I have all of these tokens & if I remember correctly offered some to you, including a set of the Ft. D.a Russell, quite some time ago, maybe a yr or 2 ago. We attended the convention

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in Indianapolis, enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, & came back with a variety of material, tokens, obsolete notes, & coins. One could not ask for anything more. Well St Louis, next year, be as good as Indianapolis?

Eric I would appreciate being advised on the tokens I returned.

Regards

Schultz.

May 25, 1956

Mr. J. J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Point 30, Michigan

Dear Mr.Curto:

You have the patience of Job and I have too many things which interfere with my coin correspondence. I have been chasing around the country in connection with my work and I do not get as much time to play as I should particularly because my wife and I have decided to go to East Africa this summer and I have to complete my work before indulging in that privilege.

I am glad you enjoyed the Central States convention and will look forward to seeing you at the next one in St. Louis. I hope that our local coin club can make it interesting for all concerned.

I am sorry to tell you that I do not have another army allotment check left other than the one for my collection. However, I still have the Merchants and Mechanics Bank sheet which I am enclosing in exchange for the sutler tokens. Sheets of banknotes have become popular all of a sudden because of Mr. Sprinkle's interest in them and I think I have about three unanswered letters from him begging me for sheets. He usually telephones me about once every two weeks to inquire about sheets.

The little time I had for numismatics I was working day and night to complete an article for the American Numismatic Society who wanted to publish my work on Virginia coinage. Then, the editor of the Numismatist asked me for an article with respect to Franklin and I completed that. In the meantime I had to complete for publication an article on counterfeit Continental Currency. Thus, nice people like you get neglected for historical research. In any event, I am sure you will be pleased with the sheet and please feel free to send me western tokens or sutlers checks if you get any.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN Rd.
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Sept 7, 1955

Hello Eric,

I just recently returned from Omaha where we attended the A.N.A. Convention. For some vague reason I thought you would be there and I looked for you - to no avail. You told me once that you preferred to travel on time taken off rather than to attend conventions, so my hunch was all wet. The convention was a fine one but the weather outside the hotel was really hot. While I enjoyed the convention, believe me, we were glad to get home too.

While there I met a collector who had a fractional note from Independence, Mo., it had a stagecoach, I remember, as a vignette. He obtained it from you he said, even tho I do not recall his name. Do you have any duplicates of the note in question? It is all I remember of it. I did take a description of the note & his name but lost the paper

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P Roberts
Mint Contractor
#12.00
Stagecoach
10¢ 25¢ 50¢
#1.00

I took my notes on. Now its just plain relying on memory. I would appreciate purchasing the note and also the shirt of ~~Detroit~~ Monroe - Merchants & Mechanics Bank, if I remember correctly you once told me your had. Should you perfect trade, I have one duplicate "Howard Wolcyn - Indian Trader" token - brass - $1.00 denom. -V.7 & rare as far as I know. also a few sutler, but I'm afraid you have what I recently picked up.

Picked up 10 sutler - 3 I did not have - 7 dups different but duplicates to my collection. I've been more or less concentrating on obsolete notes for the past year or so building up a representative collection from each state instead of Michigan alone. These western states are certainly hard & difficult to come by. I knew they were scarce but much scarcer than I thought.

Saw Art Kelley at Omaha, asked him to say "Hello to you" for me.

Regards & best wishes.

Chuck

P.S. The A.N.A. made 50 copies of the article on "PX - Post Exchange & Other Military Tokens" for me - Reprints, the enclosed is with my compliments. Jb

September 16, 1955

Mr. James J.Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Point 30, Michigan

Dear Mr. Curto:

The notes of P. Roberts Mail Contractor from Independence, Missouri, which have a stage coach come in denominations of 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and $1.00. I do not have any duplicates but I think I can locate some. The price the gentleman wanted was $3.00 each and if you wish, I will try to get you a complete set. Please let me know whether you want to buy this set as I believe it is a very interesting purchase. The notes are unsigned.

I do have a Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Monroe Michigan sheet, in duplicate, and would appreciate it if you would send me any duplicates of your Sutler tokens.

I am enclosing a reprint of my most recent article and have a few more coming.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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JAMES J. CURTO
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GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Jan 27, 1957

Hello Eric,

I liked your article "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" in the Jan. issue of Numismatist very much. Your article certainly indicates considerable research, logic and deep interest, which earns you the respect of all serious collectors, certainly mine - congratulations.

Because of this deep feeling of respect I would sincerely appreciate, more than from anyone else, the privilege of placing your name on my list of A.N.A. members who will submit a paper to the Paper Committee for 1957. I have been appointed Chairman of the 1957 Paper Committee and my request for papers should appear in the Feb. issue of Numismatist. I already have papers promised to me by G. Smedley,

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H. Baker, V. Sheldon, H. Bowen, B. Smith, W. Breen and a few others, but I'd rather have one from you than anyone else. You are the first I am writing to, I've seen the others personally at one convention or another shortly after being notified by Pres. Parvin of my appointment. I was permitted to choose my own Committee - thought of you immediately but after thinking of the work involved - the time required etc - spared you but decided to ask for a paper instead. All I would like in the next month or two is the title. papers for 1957 are not due until July 15th 1957, & even if not completed then, its name & author would be reported to the Convention in Aug. Can I count on you. Mrs C & myself are planning on attending the Central States Conv. in St Louis & if so, I'll be looking forward to seeing you again & having some leisure time to discuss tokens & broken or obsolete notes. I was elected Pres. of the new "Michigan State Numismatic Society" ~~so~~ newly formed Soc. Our first Conv. in Nov. was a huge success. I did not want the Presidency as I had enough on my hands as it was. I plugged for Dr Lempert of R.O. but was ambushed. We now have approx 170 members. - Regards & Very best wishes - Jack

February 13, 1957

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

You have no idea how much I appreciate the nice remarks in your letter of January 27, 1957. I have been waiting to receive reprints of my article "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War" but they have not come as yet and I do not wish to delay writing you any further. I will send you one when they are received.

I am complimented by your invitation to submit a paper to the committee for the 1957 A.N.A. I certainly feel that they have selected the right man as the head of the committee. I presume these papers are for delivery to the A.N.A. Convention and never having attended one I am unfamiliar with the procedure. During July and August I will be in Europe and therefore could not deliver a paper personally. At the present time I am writing for the Centennial edition of the A.N.S.

I will be delighted to see you when you attend the Central States Convention in St. Louis and I hope we can spend considerable time together.

If I am incorrect in my ideas concerning the papers committee, please let me know.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Feb ~~18~~ 21, 1957

Hello Eric,

Thank you for your letter of Feb 18th, it certainly was good to hear from you again.

Eric, the Paper Committee obtains papers for the Numismatist. They are not read at the Convention and it is not required that the persons submitting papers be at the Convention.

It will be my duty at the Convention to report to the Convention that we obtained so many papers, ~~and~~ their titles and authors and that I have turned the papers over to Mr Brasfield. Actually it is not essential that the paper, if you write one, be turned over to me. It can be sent directly to Brasfield with a note that it is in response to a request by the Paper Committee.

All I would need is the title + author. It should be in by July 1st

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to either Bradfield or myself, but again if I had assurance that it is in the making it could be turned in even after the Convention. We would however exclude it in our report to the Convention.

I would appreciate very much having a paper from you Eric, and all I need is its title and about when you would have it ready. I furnish President Parrish with reports of our progress about every 2 months, giving him a list of the papers & authors we have & he, I believe sends the Bd of Gov. a report on the progress of all Committees etc.

As I mentioned Eric, the papers are all turned over to Mr Bradfield for publication in the Numismatist. They may not be published until next year actually. I presume some of those obtained will not be published at all. A Major in Oregon agreed or offered to send me 10 papers on 10 diff subjects. Of course I accepted but then am dubious of their authenticity etc. However I may be very wrong, as I've been wrong before - & I and the Major a shining light.

Regards for now - am due in a meeting - Now

Good luck & and publish until soon

Sincerely yours for the Summer

February 27, 1957

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

I already promised Mr. Bradfield that I would send him some more material to publish and I am delighted that your committee is vigorously working toward that purpose. I expressed to Brad, last year, that some of the material published is outrageous. It is merely a rehashing of existing facts, inaccurate in many respects, with no citations, and should not be published without being reviewed by someone who is familiar with the subject. I also told him that I realized there was political pressure with respect to getting certain things published and that he could relieve himself of that problem by having a committee read the material.

I have three or four articles in process and will see to it that the Numismatist gets one for next year. I believe that it would be wrong for me to put another article into 1957 because I have had enough space devoted to my meanderings already.

I am certainly glad to be able to cooperate with you to the fullest extent and I will be sending you the topic for my article in due course. I suspect the subject may be new evidence on "E.G.Fecit" and who that mystery celebrity happened to be.

Under separate cover I am sending a reprint of my "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

Mar 15, 1957

Hello Eric,

Thank you for your letter of Feb 27th. I did not answer immediately, waiting to acknowledge the reprint of your "Counterfeit Continental Currency goes to war". It arrived safe & sound on 3-13. Thank you very much for it. Should Reagan + Bradfield keep their promise and reprint, parts I + II of the Indian Trader article you shall have one.

Also thank you for the name of your future article, you will submit to the Papers Committee

— "E.g. Feit" —

I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to reading it. That is the name I shall submit in my report. Or is it "New Evidence on E.g. Feit."

I certainly have been receiving a lot of mail in re: to papers. Most of them making inquiries, + its long long ago, got to be a chore.

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Dick Kenney sent me a rare Indian Trader Token

- a counterstamped me on an old U.S. cent. I believe he used some old dies, because it looks old & genuine. I wrote & told him, I would now have to find an Indian & trade with him to make it authentic - but what Indian would want old coins? I appreciated receiving it very much. Spent all day yesterday reading the Historical Collections in our State Capitol Library. By arrangement I was also allowed into the archives to spend as much time as I wished going through the old records, files etc since much became a state. Of course I looked for notes. Most of these records were never looked into since they were placed in boxes, old paper type file boxes. These records were recently moved from the Capitol vaults to a new record bldg. It was a golden opportunity to find possible duplicate notes - early ones - but the job would have taken months to say the least. I gave up after an hour & decided I'd leave it up to them to come up with finds, perhaps they will remember to notify me.

Kindest regards for now.

Elmer

JAMES J. CURTO
770 LINCOLN ROAD
GROSSE POINTE 30, MICHIGAN

May 20, 1957

Hello Eric.,

Just met a fellow yesterday who was supposed to have look you up for me at the Central State Conv. and express to you my deep regrets at not being able to attend. In fact I asked 2 friends to do so. I then found out yesterday that neither were able to go at the last minute. I planned to attend and was quite disappointed late that week when work started piling up so fast - rush emergency work that I just could not leave. I was off just a few weeks previous to attend the Penn-Ohio Meeting in Cleveland so did not feel quite free to raise an issue. Anyway I did miss not having a good visit with you most. Since then I've had my finger in 2 meetings here in Michigan. One in Pontiac + the other in Royal Oak yesterday where our Mich State Num. Soc had its first Conventional Spring Meeting.

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Even tho it rained all day yesterday the attendance at the one day Convention was very good. In the afternoon, one could scarcely move down the aisles.

On exhibit were some wonderful proof notes, which included a nice sprinkling of Missouri notes. Most states were represented however. I thought at first they were a part of the Warner collection but they turned out to belong to an elderly gentleman from E. Detroit and who has owned them for years previous to the Warner sale.

I enjoyed the Penn-Ohio show very much and acquired some very interesting tokens there, however only one so called Indian trade. The loot included about a dozen early transp tokens, a similar no of Port Ex tokens, 7 Butler tokens, a box full of miscell other tokens and probably 25 or 30 obsolete notes.

Eric. Dam sorry I was not able to go to St. L. & was chagrined to learn both of my emissaries failed to attend also.

Have a nice time on your
fathonomy trip abroad.

Regards & best wishes.

Chuck

JAMES J. CURTO
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY

415 CLIFFORD STREET
DETROIT 26

Apr 1, 1959 (at the office)
10^24 a.m.

Hello Eric Newman.,

I'm sure you will agree with me that time just seems to fly by. Here I am writing to you in regard to a letter I found in my sutter reference file, approx 11 years old. By the notations on your letter which I'm enclosing to refresh your memory, you know I am seeking the answer.

In all of my spare moments for the past few weeks I've been collecting all of the notes, letters, references, etc., that in any way contribute to a supplemental listing I'm preparing, to the treatise on Sutters, their tokens & snips.

I promised Beadfield this supplement about a year ago and its been prying in my mind. Its approx. completed. The listing of Sutter cardboard issues and snip is quite impressive and most of the issues will be illustrated. I've been fortunate in obtaining over

photostats of many, in fact 90% of all of the new additions. Everyone has been most cooperative . . .

Will you please look the notes up that you refer to in your letter and let me know what this denom's are. Perhaps by now, you have also acquired others. I would like to know about them, and if possible could you send me photostats of them.

I'm very sorry I could not get to St Louis to attend the Central States Coins last year but we are planning on Kansas City this month. It would be a pleasure to see you there.

About 6 weeks ago I found myself all at once, enrolled in A.N.A politics as a candidate for the Bd of Gov's. On 2 occasions in the past, in 1950 & again in 1954, I was invited to be a candidate but declined. On this occasion I was not asked, just nominated by a no. of clubs. When I found that a serious and concerted effort had been expended in my behalf I felt obligated to run. As a politician, I'm a rank 1st grader, but will do everything I can to help out the committee working in my behalf. Its very gratifying to receive letters as I have, from Adm. Dodson, Sheldon, Gettys & Gibbs among others, telling me that they are all pulling for me against the odds of a slate.

Regards - best wishes -

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P.S. Will you please return your letter of 6-16-48. Thanks.

April 3, 1959

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

In answer to your letter of April 1, 1959, I am returning my old letter of June 16, 1948, with appropriate comments. The only thing new I have discovered is an interesting Iowa item, namely the 11th Regiment of Iowa Volunteers who had as a sutler Jennison & Whitney who issued circulating notes by having the soldiers draw against their pay and the sutler then endorsing the notes and putting them in circulation.

The denominations are $1, $2, $3, $4.50, $5, and $6. I am enclosing one of the notes and if you want to exchange some other sutler material for it which I do not have, you may feel free to do so. It is exceedingly rare and unusual.

With respect to politics in the A.N.A., I am as innocent as you are. Good luck in any event!

I am sorry I will not see you in Kansas City as I do not plan to go. That is for you politicians.

I have a new book coming out at A.N.S. within about a month and you may be interested in reading it. I have a couple of articles ready for publication in the NUMISMATIST.

If you want to do something important, please see that they index the balance of the NUMISMATISTS which has not been indexed and that it is done properly. It is a disgrace to have a publication of that nature without any means of looking up material which has been written.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN:klw

James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Apr 19, 1959

Hello Eric,

Thank you very much for answering my letter so quickly. I was able to complete my article with your information. I do wish however that I had asked you to give me a general description of your note + the size - approx in inches + sections inches. Can you send this to me or a photostat of them if possible. I will have approx 47 illustrations in this supplement - mostly cardboard issue or notes.

Thanks for sending along the H.Q Jennison + Whitney notes. I obtained 2 of these from you a while back - one for $1.00 the other for $2.00 pay deduction These are Paymaster Orders. I believe I can use this - but do not have the time at the moment to check on Settlin Letters. I do not have more than 5 or 6 clips - if I have that. I'll do so

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on our return from Kansas City. We'll be leaving here Thurs. @ 8 a.m. We'll change trains in St Louis and have about 40 min between trains. If it were more I'd try & see you at Kelley. Just thought I could have Wed. & drive but again I just cannot get away. Got stuck last year from attending the Conv. in Ct. L. at the last minute.

Thanks -

Regards & best wishes -

Hunt.

May 22, 1959

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

Thank you, sincerely, for the reprint of your Western Token work. It will become a permanent part of my library.

I forgot that I had sent you the Iowa item in the past and I want you to feel perfectly free to return it rather than exchange something for it.

I did what I could for you in the A.N.A. political field but since I pay very little attention to politics my feelings are without much weight.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

May 31, 1959

Hello Eric,

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd and happy you received the report. On our way to K.C. I called to say "Hello" in between trains in St Louis - but you were out to the "Book Fair" if I remember correctly - I do hope your Sec. relayed my message. Yes Eric I will return the Iowa item - I believe it best, - while I just haven't had time to check dupl. Sutter. I'm sure I do not have anything you want or need. I remember the 2nd - Ohio Cavalry 5¢ in dup - a 5¢ of S. Whited & Co, 97th Ill Vol. - a Wm E Wood - 2nd Pa Cav.

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5 for 10¢?

a Wm Vanderbilt price and a Harvey Lewis 50¢. Thats about it en suites. I do have some excellent P.X. prices but I do not believe you interested in them.

The latest report from Reagan surprised me no end on the A.N.A. nominations. It seems he crawled up to the leaders in nominations. The big thing to me is that I found I do have quite a no. of friends, and vote or love I'm quite pleased.

Regards + best wishes

J Hewitt.

Town item enclosed.

May 18, 1962

Dear Jim,

Whenever you come to St.Louis it will be a pleasure to see you.

If there is anything I can do for you in advance of your coming, let me know.

Cordially,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

JAMES J. CURTO
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Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48230

March 15, 1964

Hello Eric.,

Will you please advise me how I can purchase one of the Maria Theresa Silver Dollars countersamped by the Missouri Numismatic Society. I am very desirous of adding one to my collection of U.S. countersamps. The countersamps is illustrated in Coin World and is a dandy. I'd appreciate any assistance you can give me in purchasing one. Thanks.

I've been given the task of evaluating rarities of the Sutter listings and to prepare a table of values

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for the series for TAMS.

Al Hoch is on my committee but his ideas ~~on~~ values are extreme. I've asked George Fold to help and he is. His scarcity scale is quite in line with mine altho his values for the series are also higher than mine but not to far out of line. Actually I'm certain he knows more about current values than I so will depend heavily on him.

I'm also trying to complete a supplement of Military P.X. + Canteen tokens for the ANA. I have my hands full.

Congratulations on owning a bunch - Confederate Cent - the article on this piece have been most interesting.

In collecting I've been having some success in adding to my "Colonial Bungtown" collection plus quite a few Counterfeit cents.

Regards - Bert Walker. Jim C.

March 23, 1964

Mr. James J.Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230

Dear Jim:

It is always delightful to hear from you.

The Missouri Numismatic Twenty-fifth Anniversary silver pieces are for sale for $10 to non-members. Each member, however, has the right to buy one additional copy for $5.00. This is, therefore, my permission for you to buy the extra copy I would be entitled to on my behalf. The item can be obtained from Charles A. Page, 8966 Burton, Overland 14, Missouri.

I finally found out the meaning of Bungtown, and will write it up in due course.

When you added to your Bungtown collection, were these additions all evasive legends, or are some of them normal counterfeit British halfpence? I would like to examine any normal British halfpence you have collected.

Kindest personal regards, as always.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JAMES J. CURTO
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Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48230

Apr 3, 1964

Hello Eric,

I've delayed answering your letter of Mar 23rd, hoping to be able to advise that I received the M.N.S. silver price from Page but actually to date, no word from him. I feel guilty in delaying answering so to feel right, will not delay any longer.

Thanks very much for granting me your prerogative of purchasing another at $5.00

I sent Charles Page a check for $5.25 to cover cost + postage along with the copy of your letter for authorization. I do hope to have

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from him in long.

In regard to the Bungtown - there were all with evasive legends for both Low's list + Schmall's list. There were no normal British halfpenny counterfeits. Quite some years ago, I traded a no of counterfeit halfpenny items to Howard Newth - and I do not remember acquiring any since.

Newth mentioned that certain counterfeit ½p were classified as early colonial but I personally have never run across any info on them. I confined my collection of Bungtowns - so called, to the Low + Schmall listing. If they were not listed, they just were not Bungtowns. Am I wrong in this surmise. Can you advise when I can see, borrow, loan, buy, rent or steal a list other than Low + Schmall??? It be very wonderful.

- Again thanks, Eric! Jack

April 7, 1964

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48230

Dear Jim:

I am sure you will get your Maria Theresa counter-stamped dollar in due course as Mr. Page probably does not have possession of the souvenirs and will have to turn them over to some other officer of the association who probably has the things in his vault.

You ask about how you can get a list of Bungtowns. This was originally prepared by Atkins and is included as a supplement to his book on tokens of the 18th century. This supplement was reprinted but, for the moment, I do not recall by whom.

I remember Schmall published pictures in The Scrapbook or The Numismatist and they were miserable.

I am not familiar with the Low publication, to which you refer, and would very much like to have a little more detail as to where it is. I have seen the original manuscript of Atkins' list in the Ashmolean Museum, in Oxford, England, and he added, since the publication of his work, about 125 different types. In addition to all of this there are die differences in the same type. It will take me a while to dig into my file to get you all this information but I will do so if you have a particular goal. The fundamental is that these evasions are not really Bungtowns. That was a misapplication of the American name. These evasions were never used in America.

Let me know whether you have any kind of a list and if you do not I will photocopy the Atkins list for you.

As you know, I am going to publish a lengthy book on counterfeit halfpence and Bungtowns, in due course, but will be glad to help you in the meanwhile.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 17, 1964

Mr.James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan

Dear Jim:

I am so grateful to you for calling my attention to the Scott 1890 catalogue. I have never known of this list of the evasions. I have the 1890 catalogue in my library but do not have 1888 or 1893. I am going to try to obtain the 1888 catalogue because Low's first list must be in it and my guess is that by 1893 the entire list was removed from the catalogue.

If you find, among your local collectors, Scott's Standard Catalogue No. 5 for 1888 or 1893, I wish you would advise me.

My book,whenever it is written, on Counterfeit Halfpence and Bungtowns, will be sent to you with compliments and thanks.

Schmall's list is a copy of Atkins' list, as you note.

We will exchange information on the investigation of the Scott catalogue.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 2, 1967

Mr. James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe 30, Mich.

Eric P. Newman

Dear Jim:

Do you know where this is from?

Sincerely,

P.O.Box 14020
St.Louis, Missouri 63178

EPN/atb

James J. Curto
770 Lincoln Road
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230

May 5, 1967.

Dear Eric,

I believe I obtained my copy of the Frisbie, Sutter note from you quite some years ago. I tried to find out when he was from without any success what-so-ever. Should you ever find out - please let me know.

I've been quite busy with an article & listing I'm working on.

"The U.S. Military Tokens of the Past 100 Years" (1866-1966)

This means excluding the Sutter. It's about completed - some 2600± items listed

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How is your work coming along on "Bungtown"? Remember, you were to give me a copy (autographed).

Eric it was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. Write again (a little longer letter however) Sorry on the Jubie

Regards + Best Wishes.

Jim C.

FORM #105

May 8, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. James J.Curto

FROM Eric P.Newman

Dear Jim:

The Frisbie, you probably got from Marckhoff. I sent you the one from Iowa, which was similar.

Good luck on your Military Token work.

I am just beginning on the Bungtown work, which was delayed because of my writing EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA. I have finally solved what "Bungtown" means and have many,many new varieties of American counterfeit halfpence. You will get your autographed copy but it will be a year before I finish the monograph.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

JAMES J. CURTO
770 Lincoln Road
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May 14, 1964.
at the office, 9^45 a.m.

Hello Eric,

First of all I received the M.S.N.S. counterstamped Maria T. crown piece and I'm delighted to have it. My thanks are extended to you.

Secondly, I'm happy to have contributed something, even tho only a bud, towards your work in the area of "English Evasion" pieces.

Yesterday P.M., I had a visitor here at the office, from out of town - and to my surprise brought me a box of tokens, which he understood I collected. Included in this

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Mixed lot was a Sutter token, an early 1/4 cent token from a woodburner, a token for 1 ft passage across a bridge, some Mixed trade tokens from Covington, Ky - 2 Columbian Fair dollar size medals and 2 rolled cents - 1933 Worlds Fair. What a surprise - I'd welcome veterans like that every day.

For now

Regards

Jim C.

June 5, 1967

Dear Eric,

I'll appreciate your vote for George Hatie, a very close friend of mine and most capable. In return, I'll be glad to support anyone you recommend, if you let me know.

Thanks

Jim Curto

I do hope everything is well with you and yours.